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AGAVE CANTULA. (Amaryllidaceae.) 33508. From Manila. Presented by Mr. M. M. Saleeby, fiber expert, Philippine Bureau of Agriculture, through Mr. L. H. Dewey of this Bureau. "Manila maguey is cultivated in the Philippines and to a limited extent in India, where it produces the fiber known as Bombay aloë. It is cultivated on a large scale in Java, producing a very excellent quality of fiber which has heretofore been placed on the market under the misleading name 'Java sisal'. The Javanese growers now propose that this fiber shall be called 'cantala'. It grows well in Java on rich loamy soils, where the heavy rainfall and lack of lime make it impossible to cultivate sisal or henequen to good advantage. This plant would grow well in the eastern part of Porto Rico." (Dewey.) For distribution later.

AMMOPHILA SP. (Poaceae.) 33320. Seed of a grass from St. Petersburg, Russia. "A perennial, tall grass, found growing in sand-dunes in northern Mongolia. Its seeds are collected by the Mongols and a coarse bread made from them. This grass seems to possess excellent sand-binding qualities and might be tested for this purpose in cold and dry sections of the United States. Obtained from Mr. J. W. Palibin, St. Petersburg Botanic Garden, who received these seeds from the neighborhood of Lake Ubsa, northwestern Mongolia." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

AMYGDALUS SPP. (Amygdalaceae.) 33311-312. Seeds of wild almonds, from St. Petersburg Botanic Garden. "Wild almonds occurring in the hot and dry mountain regions of Russian Turkestan. May be experimented with for the following purposes: as a drought resistant stock for almonds and peaches; as a possible drought resistant nut tree; as an ornamental small tree in desert regions and as a hybridization factor. The second may also prove of value as a hedge material for desert regions." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

ARRACACIA SPP. (Apiaceae.) 33467-468. Tubers of arracacia from La Guaira, Venezuela. Procured by Mr. Thomas W. Voetter, America consul. "Apio. It is known by this name in Caracas, and it is much appreciated for use in chicken or beef soups. It is produced in the heights of the mountains from 5000 feet upwards at a temperature of 20° C. (68° F.). The method of sowing it here is the ordinary way. The workman makes a hill of earth a half a yard high and two yards in diameter, well pulverized, and the seed is sown. Or the cutting which comes from the trunk or head of the plant is cut